

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Newly Added) An implant for the spine, comprising:

a plate for stabilizing the spine, the plate having a number of openings;

a number of bone anchorage screws each operable to engage a corresponding one of the openings of the plate; and

means for blocking the screws including at least one slide mounted on the plate to selectively cover at least a part of at least one of the screws and means for retaining the slide on at least one of the screws, the slide cooperating with the retaining means.

14. (Newly Added) The implant according to claim 13, wherein the plate defines a cavity and the slide is mounted within the cavity.